

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)

of the Educator Certificate of)

Raymond Alley)

Certificate 151585)

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 12, 2005. On August 30, 2005, the Office of Educator Certification served Raymond Alley a notice of his right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Alley received the notice, as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Alley did not request a hearing within the time frame specified in the notice letter. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Alley's certificate for a period that would commence retroactively from March 25, 2005, and end on March 25, 2006.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Alley holds a valid South Carolina teaching certificate with over seven years of experience. Mr. Alley has not worked in a South Carolina public school since 1998. On March 10, 2005, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) approved a consent order of suspension of Mr. Alley's Georgia certificate for the period commencing March 25, 2005, through March 25, 2006. The suspension was based on findings that Mr. Alley attempted to upgrade his Georgia certificate without meeting the requirements for the degree upgrade.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board may suspend the certificate of any person for unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information supporting its conclusion that just cause exists to suspend Mr. Alley's certificate for a period of one year, commencing retroactively from March 25, 2005 until March 25, 2006. At the end of the suspension period, Mr. Alley may request reinstatement of his certificate by written request to the Office of Educator Certification at the South Carolina Department of Education.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
October 12, 2005